

## ROK Eng. put in 'concrete' effort at Bagram

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Bagram Air Base is constantly growing and improving with each passing day; Roads are repaved, hundreds of cubic meters of concrete are poured and buildings are erected by teams of military engineers representing coalition countries from all around the globe.

For one group in particular – the Republic of Korea Army Engineer team – this is the first time working outside of South Korea for almost all of the soldiers, and they're proud to be doing their part contributing in a "World-level project," according to Maj. Kwangjin Jung, ROK Army engineers' construction officer.

The ROK engineers have had their hands in numerous projects throughout Bagram since arriving here in late August.



*ROK engineers work on their biggest project at Bagram Air Base yet: expanding Taxiway Bravo on the airfield by 645 cubic meters.*

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## Humanitarian aid bridges gap between cultures

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – While restoration and rebuilding are two key elements in establishing a future for Afghanistan, building relationships between coalition forces and local nationals provides the foundation for the cohesion of Afghanistan and the international community that will bring peace to the country.

Humanitarian aid is one form of leverage that troops stationed here have taken advantage of to promote the good will of coalition forces and the international community to the people of Afghanistan.

It is a form of assistance through donation that encourages prosperity. To the Civil Affairs personnel on base, humanitarian aid is described as "anything we can get our hands on," and "anything we can get out to the people around here" that will help them out, said Staff Sgt. Todd Hartjen, Parwan Province Civil Affairs Team A, 407<sup>th</sup> CA Battalion.

Items such as notebooks, pens, paper, food, blankets, tool boxes, dental kits and clothes are just a few examples of humanitarian aid that have a huge positive affect on the surrounding communities, said CAT A member, Spc. Anna Palmer, who knows how much the little gestures really mean to the Afghan people.

"It lets them know that we're here trying to help," said Spc. Melissa Dannehy, CAT A. "It's a good way to meet the people and (recognize) what they're going through."

This CA team has been all over the country distributing aid collected from organizations ranging all the way from churches to schools throughout the United States that are eager to help the team in their cause. Other donation sources require the team to be a little more creative.

"Some (HA) is (donated) from the chow hall," said Palmer, who added, "they're re-sources just sitting around so we use it."

Although the troops usually make HA

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



U.S. Army Capt. James Yee

## Sources: Muslim chaplain's arrest prompts U.S. probe

WASHINGTON — A military and intelligence investigation into possible security breaches at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is under way following the arrest of a U.S. Army Islamic chaplain, Bush administration sources said.

Capt. James Yee, who has not been charged, is being held in the brig in Charleston, South Carolina, on suspicion of espionage and treason.

Sources said the investigation is looking at whether other U.S. military personnel may have been involved.

U.S. military authorities took Yee into custody September 10 at the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Air Station while in possession of classified documents "that a chaplain shouldn't have," said an official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The official said the documents included "diagrams of the cells and the facilities at Guantanamo," where the military is holding about 600 suspected al Qaeda and other so-called enemy combatants.

Yee also allegedly was carrying lists of the detainees as well as their interrogators, the official said.

In addition, Yee is suspected of having ties to radical Muslims in the United States that are now under investigation, the official said, adding that he couldn't elaborate.

Yee, who was assigned a military defense lawyer, can be held for 120 days before the military charges him with any offense, officials

said.

He appeared September 15 before a military magistrate, who ruled there was sufficient reason to hold him in pretrial confinement.

Army officials with the U.S. Southern Command, which controls the Guantanamo Bay facility, said that they could not comment on the status of the investigation.



U.S. military personnel investigate parts of a car at the site of an explosion Monday near the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

## Blast near U.N. headquarters in Baghdad Monday

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bombing Monday near the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad left an Iraqi security guard and the bomber dead, a U.S. military spokesman said. It was the second bombing in two months to target the U.N. headquarters in the Iraqi capital.

"A bomb went off from inside of a car, killing two individuals — one being the bomber," US. Army spokesman Capt. Sean Kirley said of the explosion that took place at a checkpoint on the perimeter of the U.N. compound.

"No damage was done to the U.N. building. No coalition forces were killed or injured that we know of, at this point," he said.

Doctors at nearby al Kindi hospital said 16 to 18 people were brought in for treatment following the explosion. Four in critical condition were transferred to other hospitals.

Immediately after the blast — shortly after 8 a.m. (12 a.m. EDT) — U.S. Army helicopters circled overhead and American forces rushed to secure the scene.

An Army representative was quick to blame the attack on supporters of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"This is yet another example of former regime loyalists hurting the Iraqi people," said Army public affairs officer Capt. Holly Meeker.

However, at a briefing later, another military spokesman, Col. George Krivo, told reporters Iraqi authorities and the FBI are investigating the incident and the coalition does not know yet who was behind the attack.



Khalid Shaikh Mohammed is shown shortly after his capture in March.

## Suspect: Hijacking airliners was bin Laden's idea

WASHINGTON — Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, has told his American interrogators that it was Osama bin Laden who suggested hijacking commercial airliners to carry out the attacks, government sources said Monday.

According to those sources, Mohammed told U.S. officials that his original idea was to use private planes.

He has also told his interrogators that in its final stages, the plot called for up to 22 terrorists in four planes, followed by a second wave of attacks that was to have received help from al Qaeda allies in South-east Asia, the sources said Monday.

Government officials, who expressed anger about the leak, said the report was incorrect in one respect: It said Mohammed had said two of the hijackers were more important to the plot than Mohamed Atta. Government sources told CNN that is not correct and that U.S. investigators still believe Atta was the ringleader.

Atta "gave the 'go' signal," one source said.



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"You give them a job and you know it's going to get done," said quality control NCO Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tony Mizell, 205<sup>th</sup> Eng. Battalion, whose unit assigns jobs to the ROK engineers. "And they're always looking for the 'big jobs,'" he added.

The ROK engineers recently completed their first 'big job', which was building a large concrete parking area next to Task Force 44 Medical Team's compound. TF 44 will use the area for emergency vehicle parking and as a landing pad for their medical evacuation helicopters.

The Korean engineers finished the job, which entailed laying down 410 cubic meters of concrete, in only five days.

Mizell, who inspects the Korean engineer teams' work around Bagram once a day, is impressed by their work ethic.

"They're hard workers," he said. "And I like how they always work as a team."

Another job they've almost finished is the football field project. For this project a small team of engineers has been removing the gravel from the large, open field next to the North Dining Facility and placed a layer

of fine soil over the grounds so that coalition units can use it for sporting events.

Korean engineers are also in charge of running one of Bagram's concrete batch mixers, which provides hundreds of cubic meters of concrete daily to support coalition construction efforts throughout Bagram.

But the toughest job and the one the ROK engineers take most pride in is the taxiway Bravo expansion project. On Bagram airfield, taxiway bravo connects the active runway to the parallel taxiway and the engineers are responsible for expanding the taxiway by 645 cubic meters.

The ROK engineers had their doubts about doing airfield work initially, never having done such a job before, according to Capt. Incheol Lee, construction company leader.

"When I first came here I didn't think we could do the airfield work, but we got a lot of assistance from other coalition engineer units," Lee said.

Back in South Korea, the engineer unit had worked on a lot of highways, and with help from the 205<sup>th</sup> Eng. Bn. and the Air Force Civil Engineering unit, they were able to make a smooth transition over to doing airfield

work.

Since they started pouring concrete at the taxiway site two weeks ago, the engineers have completed 105 cubic meters, and the biggest problem for them hasn't been getting used to the new job, but rather trying to share time on the ground with the incoming and outgoing airplanes on the bustling airfield, according to Lee. Whenever a plane approaches or takes off, for safety reasons, the engineers have to stop their work and exit the airfield.

According to Lee, working alongside coalition engineer units and working on new projects has been an invaluable experience for the ROK engineers.

"We're happy to do these important jobs," Jung said. "And we're proud to do our part in aiding the coalitions effort to rebuild Afghanistan,"

The Taxiway B expansion project, their first major job, won't be completed until the end of October, but according to Jung, the engineers have already begun planning their next 'big job' – laying concrete over the entire Bagram Arrival Departure Operation Center area.

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runs two-three times a week, they have dedicated one day of each week that they venture out to a community they have not touched as of yet, ensuring that they visit as much of this area of the country as they can during their stay here.

"This is a huge thing because in some places, they haven't seen American uniforms before and it opens the door for us to show that we're not here to shoot you; we're here to help you," said Hartjen. "It's one thing that turns peoples' eyes a little more as far as showing that we're not here for the wrong reasons; we're here to do what's right."

Hartjen said that the one-day-a-week trip is a learning experience that all involved can benefit from and besides that, "it's interesting and fun."

The gratification that troops experience from offering a helping hand is instantaneous, CA personnel said. "Just seeing the little kids faces (when) they come up to you, a military person, probably for the first time; it opens your eyes," said Hartjen. "You see things in a different light."

Each member has a memory that stands out amongst the many HA trips. For Dannahy, it was a visit to Kohi-Safi. "All the kids behaved so well and did everything they were told," she said. "You could just tell that we made a difference."

HA has proven to be an effective tool for troops in building relationships and establishing trust between the two cultures. With-



*Staff Sgt. Matthew Leddon, 304th Tactical Psychological Operations Company, joined forces with troops from the Parwan PRT Civil Affairs Team A, 407th CA Battalion to distribute backpacks to young students at a local school.*

out it, Hartjen said, the Afghan people would be less likely to believe that we are just here to help.

"It's tough to promote good will when we don't have something to offer them," he said. Each time we make a stop, people open up that much more, he added.

For information on contributing to the 407<sup>th</sup> CA teams's humanitarian aid efforts, contact Hartjen at: [todd.hartjen@us.army.mil](mailto:todd.hartjen@us.army.mil) or send donations to: CATA- Parwan, c/o Todd Hartjen, CJCMOTF-407<sup>th</sup> CA Bn., APO AE, 09354.

# Provincial governors and district leaders visit the Kabul Military Training Center

**KABUL**, Afghanistan – Recently, governors, district leaders, and dignitaries from more than six provinces, including Parwan, Kapisa, Wardak, Logar, Bamian, and Kabul, visited the Kabul Military Training Center to meet with leaders of the Afghan National Army and Ministry of Defense officials.

The meeting was held to inform the provincial officials of the progress made to date with the ANA and MoD.

While at KMTC, the officials gained first-hand knowledge about the ANA by touring the facility to see how the ANA soldiers train and live.

“Meeting with everyone here is such a great opportunity for us,” said Hamidula Tukhi, Wardak Province governor. “We came together with the hope of making things better for our country.”

“Basically, this is a visit for community leaders to see how the ANA operates,” said Brig. Gen. M. Abrim Amadzia, Commander for Kabul Province recruiting. “Getting these leaders involved is important. They enjoy direct influence over their constituents, and [the] bond of trust between them and their people becomes invaluable as they encourage the youth to join the ANA.”

“When I see these soldiers out here, I see hope for the future of Afghanistan,” said Tukhi.

“The ANA is the backbone of the country. Without a backbone, how can the country stand on its own feet?”

Amadzia ended the visit saying, “This visit bolsters the leader’s confidence in the ANA as a viable force, and they will spread the word about the opportunities available in the ANA.”

*(Information from CJTF-180 Press Release)*

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Queen of the Damned.” After many years of sleeping in his coffin, the vampire Lestat awakens only to find that the world has changed and he wants to be a part of it. Lestat then becomes a rock star whose music wakes up the queen of all vampires.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Murder by the Numbers.”



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<b><u>Bagram:</u></b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 48F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 88F L: 46F
<b><u>Kandahar:</u></b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 95F L: 55F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 93F L: 54F
<b><u>Kabul:</u></b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 48F	<i>Haze</i> H: 86F L: 46F
<b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 82F L: 40F	<i>Clear</i> H: 76F L: 38F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# Coalition Sports Zone

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## Plummer leads Broncos to Monday night rout of Raiders

**DENVER** – Jake Plummer no longer has to be a pretend John Elway. He's already had a game that rivaled the master.



*Even Jerry Rice couldn't make a big play for the Raiders Monday, as Denver proved to be too much in the 31-10 victory.*

out the way I hoped they would."

This game did.

It was all but over by the end of a first period in which the Broncos (3-0) took a 21-0 lead, outgaining the Raiders 170 yards to seven and scoring on all three of their possessions.

The scores came on an 18-yard pass from Plummer to Shannon Sharpe; a 44-yard pass to Ashley Lelie and a 6-yard scramble set up by another 44-yard pass to Lelie. The first TD was a short flip, but the two long setup strikes were proof that the right shoulder that Plummer separated in San Diego last week is healthy.

"There's always room for improvement — nobody can be perfect," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. "But I thought Jake did a great job. He made some great moves out of the pocket. He made the big plays when we needed them."

Plummer, signed in the offseason, has been considered by some Denver fans to be the next Elway, although his career with the Cardinals hardly portends that. He had 90 TDs and 114 interceptions in the desert.

## Larkin, Reds parting way after 18 seasons

**CINCINNATI** — In one more twist to an ugly season, the Cincinnati Reds are cutting ties with their team captain.

Shortstop Barry Larkin rejected a one-year contract offer on Monday, leaving one of Cincinnati's most revered players to finish his career somewhere else.

Larkin, 39, has spent all 18 major league seasons with his hometown team, and hoped to return as a backup infielder next year

before retiring and moving into the front office.



*Cincinnati Reds and eleven-time all star Barry Larkin will sever ties after the season. Larkin rejected a one-year contract offer Monday. Larkin has spent his entire 18 year career with the Reds.*

running me out of town," Larkin said Monday night.

Larkin is associated with the Reds more than any other current player. His 18 seasons with Cincinnati are the most any current major leaguer has spent with one team.

Larkin helped the Reds win a World Series in 1990, was voted the NL Most Valuable Player in 1995 and was a steadying influence in the clubhouse during former owner Marge Schott's suspensions in the 1990s.

Allen offered a one-year deal with a \$500,000 base salary and incentive bonuses that could have added another \$500,000. Larkin said the club wasn't willing to negotiate.

"The reason the amount of money they offered me was unacceptable was because of the principle," Larkin said. "I was surely not looking to break the bank. This contract showed me the door, basically."

## Life after basketball: Robinson becomes a minister

**SAN ANTONIO** – David Robinson, who retired from the San Antonio Spurs after the 2002-03 championship season, will reportedly become a minister at his longtime church.

Max Lucado, pastor at Oak Hills Church, told worshippers Sunday that Robinson will be joining the church's staff as a "minister at large," with duties yet to be determined.

Lucado went on to say that he and Robinson may teach a weekly Bible study together.

The announcement was made in the church's vast worship area, which doubles as a basketball court.

"He is a great teacher and a great builder," Lucado told the *San Antonio Express-News* in Monday's editions.

Robinson, who retired in June after 14 NBA seasons, could not be reached for comment.

During the Spurs' title run, Robinson had said several times that he was considering ministry after his retirement.

When chief operating officer John Allen made a take-it-or-leave-it offer of \$500,000 for next season, Larkin concluded the club didn't want him around anymore.

"I think John Allen's running things, and he's



# Afghanistan Hot Topics

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## Brother of alleged al-Qaida chief caught

Story by MUNIR AHMAD

**ISLAMABAD**, Pakistan (*Associated Press*) - The younger brother of Hambali, al-Qaida's suspected point man for Southeast Asia, has been arrested on immigration charges in Pakistan along with several other people, two senior Pakistani Interior Ministry officials said Monday.

The man, Rusman Gunawan, was one of 17 people from Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar arrested Saturday in raids on three Islamic schools in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, said one official, who spoke to *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity. The official is closely involved in Pakistan's campaign against terrorists.

Officials said the men would be questioned to see if they were suspected of any crimes other than visa violations.

An Indonesia-based terrorism expert said Gunawan was believed to be in charge of the Pakistan branch of Jemaah Islamiyah, the terror network his brother is accused of helping found. Gunawan is believed to have arranged trips for Hambali to Pakistan and Afghanistan, said the expert, who spoke to *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity.

Gunawan's capture came amid a series of arrests of suspected terrorists in Pakistan as President Gen. Pervez Musharraf prepares to address the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Wednesday about his country's role in fighting terrorism.

Musharraf, in an interview with *The New York Times*, said his country needs more helicopters and other assistance from the United States to fight al-Qaida and Taliban in the remote and rugged northwest region along the border with Afghanistan.

Hambali, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, was Southeast Asia's most wanted man until he was arrested Aug. 11 in Thailand by Thai police and the CIA. U.S. authorities then flew him to an undisclosed location. Many Indonesians only use their given names, so family members often don't share a surname.

Gunawan's arrest was confirmed by another Interior Ministry official, and by an Indonesian consular official in Karachi who was quoted by the Indonesian news agency Antara.

"We want access to (Gunawan and another student) so we can prepare consular and legal advice if they need it," the consular official, Temu Alam, was quoted as saying.

In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, police said they also had no evidence of wrongdoing against Gunawan and would not seek his extradition, said Zainuri Lubis, a police spokesman.

Most of the other people arrested in Karachi were students who had overstayed their visas.

It was not clear what authorities planned to do with Gunawan, or whether he is wanted by the United States. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

## Hispanic Heritage Month Spotlight

If you've taken a flight out of Bagram, the odds are she probably made it happen. She is Master Sgt. Rosie Richardson, air operations noncommissioned officer of CJMOTIF.

Richardson is responsible for coordinating and regulating the air flow from Bagram to the Provincial Reconstruction Team sites in other areas of Afghanistan. Richardson was born in Mexico, but spent a significant amount of her life in Texas before joining the military.

Speaking about her time in the military, Richardson said she's proud of what she's been able to accomplish a feat that her elders profess they couldn't have achieved in their era.

"I feel very proud to be a member of the (U.S.) Army I think we have great benefits, and many opportunities, which is something you don't find in Mexico; you're limited. Being a member of the Armed Forces in the U.S. to me is something I could have never done if I had stayed in Mexico. My parents, and family are very proud of me. When they hear some of the experiences we have in the Army, they tell me 'I could never do that.' I love the Army.

Richardson said her most admired person is her mother.

"She is the most understanding, patient, sincere, genuine person I know in my whole life. She accepts me just like I am and other people. She does not criticize. She listens and sets good examples. She's a very hardworking person. She's 60 years old and she doesn't speak English. She has her own daycare, but in order to run the daycare, she had to take courses dealing with child development. She got her associates degree. She had to take the courses in Spanish. I just admire her determination. She has been my idol. I try to be like her."

